Assistance to Naga University

677. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "HRD Ministry urged to help Naga Varsity", which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 24th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per Statutory Provisions of Nagaland University, the Vice-Chancellor of the Nagaland University is appointed by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the University from a panel of three names recommended by a Search Committee constituted for the purpose. The Search Committee is an impartial body and functions outside the domain of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Vikas Nidhi for Kendriya Vidyalayas

678. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has provided for a Vikas Nidhi for each Kendriya Vidyalaya of the country;

(b) if so, the amount charged therefor from each student, per month;